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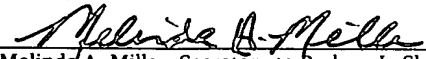
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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 encouraging the filing of an Information Disclosure Statement, the Applicants submit this paper to introduce art that they wish to have the Examiner consider, and to introduce art in compliance with their duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

The Applicants wish to introduce the art that has been listed on the attached modified PTO Forms 1449. This includes two (2) U.S. patents and one (1) article. A copy of the article has been enclosed pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2). Copies of the U.S. Patents have not been submitted pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.491(b).

No representation is made that a specific search has been made by the Applicants, that the information is material to the claimed subject matter, or that the information is non-cumulative, or that the information represents the only or the best information. The Applicants do not admit that any of the information they have provided is necessarily prior to their invention but rather that it is information known of at this time. Any question that may arise regarding priority of a specific reference shall be resolved during prosecution.

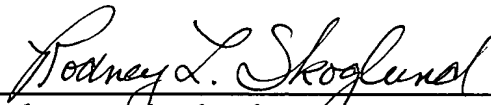
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Applicants respectfully request that the information cited be made of record in the subject case.

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The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed before the mailing of a first Office Action or within three months of its filing. No certification or fee is due with this filing of the Information Disclosure Statement. 37 C.F.R. 1.97(b).

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